

**PROCESS**

After consent to adopt has been issued to an adoptive family, the family may file a petition to adopt with the court. If circumstances develop that cause the adoption worker to determine that adoption by the family who has received consent would not be in the best interests of the child, the adoption worker must document in writing the reasons and immediately provide this documentation to the Michigan Children's Institute (MCI) superintendent or his or her designee that the request for consent is withdrawn.

Consent may be withdrawn at any time up until the court has issued an order terminating the rights of the Department of Human Services (DHS). If the court has issued an order terminating the rights of DHS and an order placing the child for adoption, the child is no longer under the supervision of MCI and the MCI superintendent or his or her designee does not have authority to withdraw consent.